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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of the Atlantic City Corridor Revitalization and Safety Project's recently submitted application for funding from the Rebuild American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant program offered by the United States Department of Transportation. I ask that you give their application all due consideration.

With RAISE grant funding, the Corridor Revitalization and Safety Project would have a significant positive impact on the region and the City of Atlantic City. This project would facilitate traffic movement for the 24 million annual visitors, the 38,000 residents, and the tens of thousands of people who work in Atlantic City. This project will also help the City to achieve many of the goals of the RAISE program, including: minimizing fuel consumption; stimulating economic development; reducing travel delays, improving the quality of life; reducing greenhouse gas emissions; improving bicycle, pedestrian and vehicle safety; and enhancing the region's transportation infrastructure.

RAISE grant funding would help with the design and installation of signal synchronization on Atlantic, Pacific, and Arctic Avenues as well as much needed safety improvements on Atlantic Avenue. This grant would implement the 2020 Atlantic Avenue Road Safety Assessment that was complete in close cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization.

It is for these reasons that I support Atlantic City's application for funding from the Rebuild American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant program offered by the U.S. Department of Transportation. Thank you in advance for giving their application all due consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Menendez

United States Senator